

## **CAPSULE SUMMARY**

**BA-2639**

**St. George's & St. Matthew's Episcopal Church**

**2900 Dunleer Road**

**Dundalk, Baltimore County**

**Circa 1929**

**Private**

Facing north, the St. George's and St. Mathew's Episcopal Church is located in the town of Dundalk in the Twelfth District of Baltimore County. Dundalk initially developed as a station along the Baltimore and Sparrows Point Railroad and was named for the home of Henry McShane, who operated a foundry in the community. Dundalk's growth occurred over two distinct phases. The purchase by the Bethlehem Steel Corporation in 1916 of 1,000 acres for the construction of worker housing was the initial spark that ignited the community's expansion. A short period of stagnation between 1920 and 1924 ended with the re-involvement of the Dundalk Company in the community. It was at this point that the commercial district was created, forming a central core in the town. Whereas Dundalk's population in 1920 was only 2,000 inhabitants, this number had climbed to 8,000 only ten years later. St. George's and St. Mathew's Episcopal Church was constructed in 1929. The 1915 Bromley Atlas denotes this area as the property of Poplein and others.

St. George's and St. Mathew's Episcopal Church dates to 1929 and is sited in a town setting at the southwest corner of Dunleer and Dunman Roads. Rising one-and-a-half stories in height, this Tudor Revival church is constructed of brick clad with stucco with random skintled brick. It sits on a five course American bond foundation. The main entrance contains double-leaf vertical-board arched doors covered by a front-gable portico supported with a solid brick balustrade and wood posts. The gable of the portico features half-timbering detailing. The building is lighted with paired stained-glass lancet windows supported with rowlock drip sills. Rising above the cross-gable roof is one exterior-end and one interior-side brick chimneys both shouldered and corbelled. The roof is clad with slate tiles. Details of the church include brick quoins, corbelled brick cornice, and brick buttresses with stone coping. The brick one-story garage is one bay wide with a 1-leaf metal roll-up door. It is clad with stucco with scattered projecting bricks. It has a front-gable roof with overhanging eaves.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No.

BA-2639

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic St Georges & St Matthews Episcopal Church

other

### 2. Location

street and number 2900 Dunleer Road not for publication

city, town Dundalk vicinity

county Baltimore County

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name St. George's Episcopal Church

street and number 2900 Dunleer Road telephone not available

city, town Baltimore state MD zip code 21222

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 103/501

city, town Towson liber n/a folio n/a

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
- ☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- ☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
- ☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report
- ☐ Other

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	2 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	2 0
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			1

---

## 7. Description

---

Inventory No. BA-2639

---

### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

---

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

St. George's and St. Mathew's Episcopal Church dates to 1929 and is sited in a town setting at the southwest corner of Dunleer and Dunman Roads. Rising one-and-a-half stories in height, this Tudor Revival church is constructed of brick clad with stucco with random skintled brick. It sits on a five course American bond foundation. The main entrance contains double-leaf vertical-board arched doors covered by a front-gable portico supported with a solid brick balustrade and wood posts. The gable of the portico features half-timbering detailing. The building is lighted with paired stained-glass lancet windows supported with rowlock drip sills. Rising above the cross-gable roof is one exterior-end and one interior-side brick chimneys both shouldered and corbelled. The roof is clad with slate tiles. Details of the church include brick quoins, corbelled brick cornice, and brick buttresses with stone coping. The brick one-story garage is one bay wide with a 1-leaf metal roll-up door. It is clad with stucco with scattered projecting bricks. It has a front-gable roof with overhanging eaves.

## 8. Significance

Inventory No. BA-2639

Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1929

Architect/Builder unknown

Construction dates 1929

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

Facing north, the St. George's and St. Mathew's Episcopal Church is located in the town of Dundalk in the Twelfth District of Baltimore County. The Eleventh District is described by Scharf as being the next to largest district in the county with a population of 4,581 in 1881.(1) The district is bounded by Harford County on the east, the Tenth District on the northwest, the Ninth District on the west, the Fourteenth District on the southwest, and the Fifteenth District on the south.

Dundalk initially developed as a station along the Baltimore and Sparrows Point Railroad and was named for the home of Henry McShane, who operated a foundry in the community. The community's early 20th century landscape was traversed by farmland owned by only a few families. Dundalk's growth occurred over two distinct phases. The purchase by the Bethlehem Steel Corporation in 1916 of 1,000 acres for the construction of worker housing was the initial spark that ignited the community's expansion. The Dundalk Company formed shortly thereafter in an effort to manage the community's growth and establish a model suburb on the east side of Baltimore City. Within one year, the town featured sixty-two dwellings, two stores, and one post office. Dundalk's population and building stock grew considerably after the creation of industrial jobs brought on by United States involvement in World War I. This expansion had a negative effect on prior efforts at managed growth in the community. At the end of the war, the temporary housing quickly constructed for the war industry often remained empty. A short period of stagnation between 1920 and 1924 ended with the re-involvement of the Dundalk Company in the community. It was at this point that the commercial district was created, forming a central core in the town. Whereas Dundalk's population in 1920 was only 2,000 inhabitants, this number had climbed to 8,000 only ten years later.(2) St. George's and St. Mathew's Episcopal Church was constructed in 1929. The 1915 Bromley Atlas denotes this area as the property of Poplein and others.(3)

### ENDNOTES

1. J. Thomas Scharf, History of Baltimore City and County from the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881), p. 916.

2. Neal A. Brooks and Eric G. Rockel, A History of Baltimore County (Towson, MD: Friends of the Towson Library, Inc., 1979), pp. 327-330.

3. Map of Baltimore County (Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915).

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Inventory No. BA-2639

See continuation sheet.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 0.472 acres

Acreage of historical setting unknown

Quadrangle name Baltimore East

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

St. George's and St. Mathew's Episcopal Church, constructed 1929, is located at 2900 Dunleer Road in Dundalk in the Twelfth District in Baltimore County. It has historically been associated with tax map 103 parcel 501 since its construction.

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title K. Baynard & J. Riggle, Architectural Historians

organization E.H.T. Traceries

date 8/23/02

street and number 1121 Fifth Street NW

telephone 202/393-1199

city or town Washington

state DC zip code 20001

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville MD 21032  
410-514-7600

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-2639

Name St Georges & St Matthews Episcopal Church

Continuation Sheet

Number 9 Page 1

---

Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland. Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877.

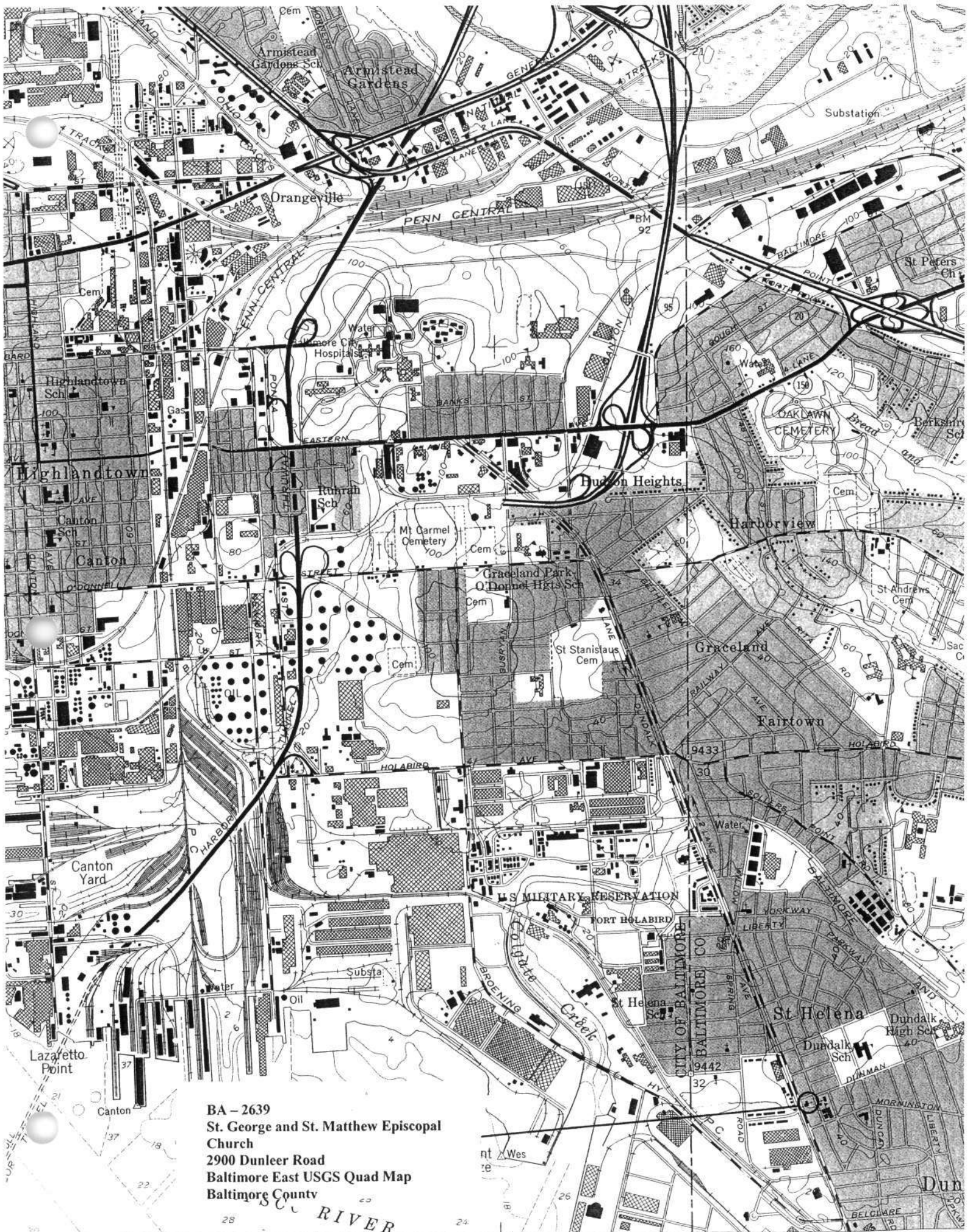
Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

Brooks, Neal A. and Eric G. Rockel. A History of Baltimore County. Towson, MD: Friends of the Towson Library, Inc., 1979.

Map of Baltimore County. Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915.

Scharf, J. Thomas. History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men. Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA.

Sidney, J. C. Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys. Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850.



BA - 2639  
St. George and St. Matthew Episcopal  
Church  
2900 Dunleer Road  
Baltimore East USGS Quad Map  
Baltimore County



ST. HUBERT AND ST. MATTHEW'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SUNDAY SERVICES

HOLY COMMUNION

ORGAN

BIBLE

THURSDAY SERVICE

HOLY COMMUNION

CHURCH

CHURCH IS NOW AIR CONDITIONED

WHATEVER YOU THINK IS

IMPOSSIBLE

GOD CAN DO IT

BA-2639

ST. GEORGE'S AND ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2900 DUNLEER ROAD

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

TRAILERIES

8/2002

MD SHPO

CHURCH, SOUTH ELEVATION

1 OF 4



BA-2639

ST. GEORGE'S AND ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2900 DUNLEER ROAD

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

TRAILERIES

8/2002

MD SHPO

CHURCH, NORTHEAST CORNER

2 OF 4



BA-2639

ST. GEORGE'S AND ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2900 DUNLEER ROAD

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

8/2002

MD SHPO

CHURCH, EAST ELEVATION

3 OF 4



BA-2639

ST. GEORGE'S AND ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2900 DUNLEER ROAD

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

8/2002

MD SHPO

GARAGE, SOUTHWEST CORNER

4 OF 4